

# Soaring to Success

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## Welcome • Haere Mai • Talofa Lava

Welcome to another week at Clifton School.

It was wonderful to see the many parents and staff here on Saturday helping get the front area ready for our Mazda Tremendous Makeover. It has been great to see this coming along and already it looks so much better. It will look so good once it is completed. On Friday, 6 April, Ruud Kleinpaste will be coming to talk to the children and then on Saturday it is the big planting. Please take note of these dates and the more of you who can come on the 7th, the quicker we can get it done - see you then!

We are very aware as a school, staff and board that our school is continually growing. We have in excess of 25 kids in each class and still more children are arriving. We have approximately 15 5-year-olds starting at Clifton over the course of the year and there may be more enrolments that we don't know about yet. With that in mind, we have hired a new teacher to commence in the junior school starting in Term 2.

Mrs Evelyn Flett will join the staff on a part-time basis helping ease the load on the junior classes. She will be running groups and will work very closely with Annette and Sharon teaching the younger children. Unfortunately, we don't have an extra classroom that she can use, but we have ideas about how to best make use of what we do have. Mrs Flett comes very highly recommended and we look forward to having her join us.

We always have high expectations for our children and believe that Clifton School will have a worldwide influence. Phil Mudgway flies disaster relief in the highlands of Papua New Guinea. Recently when he flew in for a drop off, he was greeted by a group of children. Take note of the clothing of one boy in particular - who would have thought!

*Adrian Burn, Principal*



## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Friday 23 March.....Canteen - baked potatoes  
Saturday 24 March.....Makeover project day  
Thursday 29 March.....Assembly hosted by Rm2  
Friday 30 March.....Good Friday; no school today  
Sunday 1 April.....Daylight savings ends  
Monday 2 April.....Easter Monday; no school today  
Tuesday 3 April.....Easter Tuesday; no school today  
Friday 6 April.....Ruud Kleinpaste visits Clifton  
.....Cluster Athletics (TBC)  
.....Canteen - American hotdogs  
Saturday 7 April.....Mazda Tremendous Makeover  
Friday 13 April.....Term 1 ends at 2:55pm  
Wednesday 25 April.....ANZAC day  
Monday 30 April.....Term 2 begins at 8:55am

## HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

Joel (Rm2) will be 7 tomorrow.  
Next Monday, Eden-Away (Rm4) will be 8, Connor (Rm5) will be 9, and Annabelle and Olivia (Rm2) both turn 6.  
Nga mihi nui i to ra whanau.  
Wishing you many happy returns of the day.

## Most Valuable Pupil

ROOM 1: Krystel Hopkins for her delightful story writing.  
ROOM 2: Zagen Cornish for his fabulous effort in reading, sounding out words and for creating a great border for his swimming art.  
ROOM 3: Marly Tindall for her amazing helpfulness before school.  
ROOM 4: Tayla-Jane Sole for her focus and determination when tackling new concepts in maths.  
ROOM 5: Vernelia Lafoia for working hard to improve our environment.  
ROOM 7: Luuk Bundle for being helpful to all in class and for always working hard.  
ROOM 8: Owen Evans and Matthew Pryce for their commitment to selling iceblocks.

## SWIMMING RESULTS

Champion House: Whero. Runner Up: Kahurangi.  
Senior Girl: Sarah Connelly. Runner Up: Myley Ward.  
Intermediate Girl: Seren Evans. Runner Up: Jade Ngamoki.

## NETBALL REMINDER

Year 1 and 2 netball starts at Marton Centennial Park at 3:30pm today (Tuesday 20 March).

Year 3 and 4 Netball starts at Marton Centennial Park at 3:30pm on Thursday 22 March.

Registrations should have come back to school, and please don't forget to pay your fees. The notice that came home outlined all details - if you have any queries, please see Mrs Whitehouse.

## ICE BLOCKS ON SALE AT LUNCH TIMES

Room 8 is fundraising for their school camp in November. Ice blocks are available every lunch time for the next few weeks, and cost just 50 cents each.

## CANTEEN THIS FRIDAY

Baked potatoes are on offer this week. Don't forget - you must return your order by 9:00am, THURSDAY for lunch on Friday.

## EASTER TUESDAY

Please note that our school will be closed Tuesday, 3 April and that this is set by the government not individual schools.

For more information, please go to:

<https://parents.education.govt.nz/essential-information/school-terms-and-holidays/>

## NEED KINDLING? WE'LL HAVE PINE CONES AVAILABLE SOON!

Room 8 (in conjunction with the RNZAF Base) will have bagged pine cones for sale at \$1.00 per kilogram and \$0.50 per part kilogramme, ie, for a 9.85 kilogram box the cost will be \$9.50. These will be available from our school after Easter.

## MAZDA TREMENDOUS MAKEOVER UPDATE

Thank you to everyone who helped out last weekend. We are making excellent progress and are very nearly finished with the preparation work.

We will be onsite again from 1:00pm to 4:00pm this Saturday if you would like to be part of the project.

Plan for the day:

- 1:00pm start to 4:00pm finish. Please note that we will not be stopping for afternoon tea, but you are welcome to have a cup of tea or coffee in the staffroom if you need one!
- complete the pathways, ie, edging, shell rock put in and compacted
- second archway installed
- more cardboard and mulch laid
- general tidy up of other school gardens

What you need to bring:

- BE SUN SMART! Hats and sunblock are a must if it isn't raining
- lots of water (our water fountains are filtered and cooled but you might prefer to bring water from home)
- shovels, wheelbarrows, gloves, weeding equipment

*As part of the application process, we asked for your support with pledges to help out with the cost of the project. Thank you to all those families and staff members who did make a pledge - these can be paid direct to our bank account using "Tremendous" or similar as the reference, or you are welcome to bring your pledge into the office (we will give you a receipt). If your family would like to make a pledge, please let us know - we'd love to have your support!*

We are also on the look out for some cardboard. If you have any large, clean cardboard, please drop it off at our recycling shed or bring it to our school office. Thanks!

